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TWO ADDRESSES

FROM THE

Governour, Council, and Convention

OF THE

Massachusets Colony

Assembled at *BOSTON* in *New-England*.

Presented to His Majesty at *Hampton-Court*, *August* 7. 1689.

By Sir *HENRY ASHURST* Baronet.

THE People in *New-England* having groaned under the Violation of their Charters and most undoubted Rights, and the Illegal and Arbitary Government impoled upon them by the late King, in the person of Sir *Edmond Andros*, and his Creatures, for about Three Years.

Hearing what was done in *England*, and how the then Prince of *Orange*, in Conjunction with the Nobility and Gentry, had most gloriously rescued themselves, their Religion, and Country from the Inundation of Popery and Slavery.

They in imitation of so great an Example, upon the Eighteenth of *April* last, as one Man, rose in Arms, and seized the said Sir *Edmond Andros*, and [illegible] of their most notorious Oppressors, [illegible] late Custody; Setting forth in Print a Declaration of the Reasons necessitating them to this way of proceeding.

And for the Safety of the People, and Conservation of the Peace, chose a President and Council, who on the 20th of *May* 1689, being Assembled at *Boston*, drew up, and subscribed a very Loyal Congratulatory Address to Their Majesties.

After which they setled the Government upon their Charter-Foundations, Electing their late Governour, a Council, and Magistrates; and they immediately summoned a Convention of the Representatives of the People to *Boston*, where being Assembled, they on the 6th of *June* 1689, unanimously drew up, and subscribed a Second Address to Their Majesties.

As also an Instrument impowering Sir *Henry Ashurst* Baronet, and a Member of the Honourable House of Commons, to be their Representative to Their Majesties, in all Matters concerning the Colony of the *Massachusets*: Withal, desiring Sir *Henry* to present the said Addresses to Their Majesties, in their Names and behalf, in all humble and dutiful manner.

Which said Addresses, Powers, and Instructions arriving here last week, on *Wednesday* the 7th of this Instant *August*, Sir *Henry* went to *Hampton Court*; where being by that Great and Steady Patron of the Laws, Religion, and Liberties of his Country, the Right Honourable *Henry* Lord *Delamere*, introduced into the Royal Presence, Sir *Henry* acquainted His Majesty with the Happy Occasion of his present Attendance, the State and Condition of His Subjects in *New-England*, and of the Powers they had entrusted and honoured him with; at the same time presenting the said Addresses hereafter following; which, at His Majesty's Command he distinctly read. After which His Majesty accepted them very graciously, and was pleased to express himself with great kindness to the said People, assuring Sir *Henry*, That he kindly accepted their Tenders of Loyalty and Duty, and would take Them and their humble Requests into his particular Care, *&c.*

TO

The King and Queens

Most Excellent Majesties.

The Humble

ADDRESS

OF THE

President and Councel for the Safety of the People, and Conservation of the Peace.

Dread Majesties,

THE late Glorious Enterprize atchieved by your Royal Highnes through the Blessing of Heaven, attended with such Happy Success for the Relief and Deliverance of the Distressed Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* from the Miseries of Popery and Slavery, and then coming in upon them with a seeming irresistible Power, hath not only fill'd the Hearts of all the good Subjects of those three Kingdoms, but also of the Plantations depending thereupon, with unspeakable Joy, and will doubtless influence all the Protestant Kingdoms and places of *Europe*, and Erect an everlasting Monument of Praise to your Royal Name; The Gladsome Tydings whereof [illegible] reach'd these *American Plantations*, to their no small Rejoycing, which your poor distressed Subjects of this Land hold themselves obliged to acknowledge with all hearty Thankfulness: First, to Almighty God, the Soveraign Ruler of the World; And next, unto Your Royal Self, as an Instrument spirited by him to so Heroick and Hazardous an Undertaking. Your Three several Princely Declarations put forth on that Occasion, Encouraging the *English* Nation to cast off the Yoak of a Tyrannical and Arbitrary Power, which at that time they were held under, have occurred to the View and Consideration of the People in this Country, being themselves under alike (if not worse) Evil and Unhappy Circumstances with their Brethren of *England*. First, by unrighteously depriving them of their Charter, Government, and Priviledges, without any Hearing or Tryal, and under utter Impossibilities of having Notice of any Writ served upon them; And then followed with the Exercise of an Illegal and Arbitrary Power over them, which had almost ruined a late Flourishing Country, and was become very Grievous and Intolerable, besides the growing Miseries, and daily Fears of a Total Subversion by Enemies at Home, and Invasion by Foreign Force. The People thereby excited to imitate so Noble and Heroick an Example, being strongly and unanimously spirited to intend their own Safeguard and Defence, resolved to seize upon and secure some of the Principal Persons concerned, and most active in the ill Management of the Illegal and Arbitrary Government set over them by Commission. Accordingly, upon the Eighteenth Day of *April* last past, arose as one Man, seized upon Sir *Edmond Andros* the late Governour, and other of the Evil Instruments, and have secured them for what Justice, Order from Your Majesties shall direct, exhibiting and publishing a Declaration, setting forth some of the General Grounds and Reasons provoking them to such an Action; which, though [illegible] unarmed and entred upon under such disadvantages, yet by the good Prov[idence] der a

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dence of God was so over-ruled, by the interposing and prudence of some Gentlemen upon the place, that the thing was effected without the left Bloodshed or plunder, for which we desire to pay our acknowledgment of praise unto the Soveraign ruler of all things.

The Declaration of the People is herewith emitted, to be humbly presented unto your Majesties, the Demonstration and Proofs of the several Articles and Charges contained in the said Declaration, with other Informations not inferiour, will be preparing to be offered in the season thereof.

And now Dread Majesties, having given this brief Narrative of the present Circumstances of things amongst us, hoping for your Majesties Favourable Interpretation, and Gracious Resentment of this people and of the Action; bearing such Conformity to Methods which the English Nation hath been driven to take for their Deliverance.

We prostrate at Your Majesties Feet, perswading our selves that we shall not be forgotten nor left without our share in the Universal Restauration of Charters and English Liberties, which the whole Nation is at this day made happy withal, and for which we most humbly Supplicate, that under the shadow of Your Imperial Crown, we may again be made to flourish in the enjoyment of our Ancient Rights and Priviledges, being the sole encouragement unto our Fathers and Predecessors, at their own great Cost and Expence to settle this Collony, to the Enlargement of the English Dominion, and so much for the Glory of that Crown, we heartily Congratulate Your Majesties Happy Accession to the Throne,

Praying for the Long and Prosperous Reign of Your Royal Majesties.

Boston in New-England, May 26. 1689.

Your MAJESTIS most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects.

S. BRADSTREET.

To

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

To the KING and QUEEN's Moſt Excellent Majeſties.

The Humble Addreſs and Petition of the Governour, Council, and Convention of Repreſentatives of the People of Your Majeſties Colony of the Maſſachuſets, *in* New-England.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſties,

WE your Majeſties poor and diſtreſſed Subjects of this Colony, late under the deep ſence and burthen of ſore Aggrievances, by an Illegal and Arbitrary Government ſet over us, were not a little rejoyced at the firſt Intelligence of the Heroic and Generous Undertaking of your then Royal Highneſs, being Divinely inſpired, ſo magnanimouſly to hazard your Royal Perſon for the Reſcue and Deliverance of the *Engliſh* Nation from the Miſeries of Popery and Arbitrary Government: Which Undertaking through the Wonder-working Providence of *Sion*'s Saviour, has been ſo happily ſucceeded, as to bring in a general Reſtoration of Charters, and *Engliſh* Liberties, calling for all hearty Acknowledgments of Praiſe and Thankſgiving to Almighty God, and next to your Sacred Majeſties, and will Eternize your Names in the Hearts of all true *Engliſh-men*.

Your Majeſties happy Acceſſion to the Royal Throne, was moſt joyfully Congratulated by your Subjects of this Collony, and the Proclamations thereof here performed on the 29th of *May* laſt paſt, with all the Decency and Solemnity the place is capable of affording, and all imaginable Expreſſions of Joy. A brief Narrative of the Occurrences and Revolution happening among us, is ſet forth in the Addreſs of the Preſident and Council, bearing Date the 20th day of *May* laſt; together with a Declaration of the People forwarded to be humbly preſented unto your Majeſties. Since which Revolution no Orders arriving from your Majeſties, relating to the Governing of this People, having waited ſeveral Weeks in expectation thereof; and finding an abſolute neceſſity of Civil Government, the People generally manifeſted their earneſt Deſires and Importunity once and again, That the Governor, Deputy-Governour and Aſſiſtants before ſworn in *May* 1686. according to Charter and Cuſtom therein [illegible] would aſſume the Government.

Upon conſideration whereof, things being ſo circumſtanced at that time, it was by them thought not ſafe or agreeable to our Charter-Conſtitution, to fall under the full Exerciſe of Charter-Government; but the ſaid Governour, Deputy-Governour, and Aſſiſtants then reſident in the Collony, did conſent to accept the Preſent Care and Government of this People, according to the Rules of the Charter, for the conſervation of the Peace and Common Safety; and the putting forth further Acts of Authority upon Emergencies, until by direction from *England* there ſhould be an orderly ſettlement, which we hope will reſtore us to the full Exerciſe thereof as formerly; notwithſtanding we have for ſome time been moſt unrighteouſly and injuriouſly deprived of it.

That Royal Charter being the ſole Inducement and Encouragement unto our Fathers and Predeceſſors to come over into this Wilderneſs, and to plant and ſettle the ſame at their own Coſt and Charge: Which through the Bleſſing of God was a flouriſhing Plantation, enlarging your Majeſties Dominion, to the Glory of the *Engliſh* Crown; tho' ſince the alteration of that Government, greatly impoveriſhed by the Oppreſſions and Hardſhips put upon us.

We in all humility proſtrate at the Feet of your Royal Majeſties, and ſupplicate your Majeſties Grace in a favourable Interpretation and Reſentment of the late Action of this People. And that we alſo, according to our undoubted Right, may be again fixed and ſetled in a full Confirmation of our Charter, Rights, and Priviledges; whereby, through the Bleſſing of God, and benign Influences of your Sacred Majeſties, we hope to be an happy People.

Imploring Heaven's Bleſſings upon the Heads and Hearts of your Royal Majeſties, that you may have a long and proſperous Reign on Earth, and be tranſlated to an Eternal Crown of Glory.

Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects,

Boſton in *New-England*, *June* 6. 1689.

In the Name and behalf of the Council and Convention,

S. Bradſtreet.

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